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NEWSLETTER 293 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - APRIL 2020

For the Archives: Day 13 to Day 19

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 13 (4th April 2020)

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DAILY UPDATE – DAY 15 – MONDAY 6th APRIL

I trust this finds you well. I intend to continue with assemblies and notices every day, and birthdays on a Friday. Although apart, we are all in this together! Take care, stay safe,
Paul

BAFFLERS – This week, a quiz about animals!

<https://forms.gle/5L59qj6UDCyhZo9YA>

ASSEMBLY STORY – continuing Tales From The Ark.

Today we begin The Donkey's Tale

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ETECVeeUoU5KmACjltQfyvYBB4IYByi6c_p8wQsr9tW70w?e=HKdrfP

SONG

Today's song has an Easter theme and I have attached an Activity Suggestions sheet to go with the song, The Great Big Easter Egg Trail –

<https://youtu.be/rGEZDDCtUcE>

PHOTO CHALLENGE – I've published galleries for the first two weeks here -

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/galleries.html> If this inspires you, you can still send a photo in! Follow the instructions on the page!

BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca, Cameron and Fergus will be celebrating this week. Why not post a comment in the Purple Mash birthday blogs?

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/north-gl11>

TOMORROW

Barrie the Punctuation Guy is posting a 'grammar' show from 10:15 (after Joe Wicks!) Find it here - <https://www.youtube.com/the punctuation show>

UPDATED HANDWASHING ADVICE FROM THE GOVERNMENT

"The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often. Soap and water and regular handwashing for at least 20 seconds is the best way of staying safe. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

A video on hand washing can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQCP7waTRWU&feature=youtu.be> "

OPENING FOR KEY WORKERS OVER EASTER

We have a 'skeleton' staff available for child care cover over the traditional Easter break. It is really helpful that key workers use the phone number 07939 443778 by 2 o'clock the day before if they have a shift on the following day and have no other way of keeping a child safe at home. That will give me sufficient time to co-ordinate a response to provide child care at school.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 16 – TUESDAY 7th APRIL

ASSEMBLY

Later than planned, the conclusion of the Donkey's Tale, started yesterday. https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/person/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EdalaBtotXJOutztacQie7IB7jyY4KHH7JyK4DwZXwli1Q?e=vklduc

SONG

Continuing our Easter theme. I have attached an Activity Suggestions sheet to go with the song, The Do You like My Easter Bonnet! Why not make one and send us your photos?

<https://youtu.be/XzurcHf9D6Y>

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ RESULTS

31 visitors had taken part. Congratulations to those scoring 10 / 10, namely: Harriet, Sam+Ollie, Eden+Mum, Edward+George, Ollie, Isabella+Fergus, Abby, Izzah and one anonymous visitor.

I notice Y8 pupils have started joining in too! Why not? It's just for fun!

PE

Mrs Dixon has recorded another multi-part video teaching series, this time on bowling skills. Visit <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pe-with-mrs-dixon3/>

YESTERDAY my daily update included some updated guidance from the government, as well as school news such as birthdays being celebrated this week and updates for key workers. Please read this if you haven't already. If you are a child or adult, I expect your birthday will seem very peculiar indeed, so how lovely would it be to receive a special greeting, and let them know that they are being thought about.

WELCOME

Welcome to recent Dojo joiners. We now number 113!

Stay well, stay safe, Paul.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 17 – WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL

HOME TEACHING

Ruth Mertons, a highly respected primary school practitioner (and mother of 6!) gives some practical tips for parents attempting to teach children at home. Be encouraged!

<https://youtu.be/54V4kjoMVe4>

BOOK REVIEWS

8 have been published by children since we 'closed'. Why not take a look at what other children are reading and recommending?

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/>

ASSEMBLY (EDIT)

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EVAyc5OdkmpKnTrdVUXsdw8B5mHKaRfwFNX1P8QSLP2R2w?e=xg34uM

SONG

'Water, Food, Rest And Exercise' is the title of today's song. Activities attached.

<https://youtu.be/SEGCDTdY95s>

And if you want to learn some sign language, there's a video for that too.

<https://youtu.be/BeMnxDlarO0>

The Governors and Staff are united in hoping that all is well. I have a number of resources and contacts, including those who support mental health issues. Please don't feel you have to suffer in silence, and if you feel we can support you at this time, you can contact me via head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk in confidence.

Take care,

Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 18 – THURSDAY 9th APRIL

This week's photo challenge – detailed here -

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/photo-challenge.html>

Take a photo of an animal (including birds, insects etc) in your garden. As with many of the things we are doing, it's a bit of fun that we can have together, whilst apart. DEADLINE END OF TUESDAY 14th APRIL.

ASSEMBLY

The conclusion of The Pig's Tale. A slightly longer video today. Filming outside seems to do that!

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EX0CmFvsFppAtk1KrSco1NQBalG112HtwvqnVAy9KjDZA?e=byfA94

If you've missed any episodes, scroll back to catch up.

SONG

Perhaps you've done a bit of gardening? Today's song will plant a few ideas! The Seed Song!

<https://youtu.be/7lcsyVVHHYc> I've attached an activity sheet too.

TOMORROW'S FRIDAY ASSEMBLY has a welcome by Claudie, Open The Book by Sue Devine and 'The Birthday Song' by Harriet. (There's still time to add your good wishes to the Purple Mash blogs (look for 'Sharing' <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/north-gl11>). After that I've run out of welcomes and musicians, so please watch out for invitations! Does anyone fancy trying to play Happy Birthday with milk bottles (or similar)?

Take care, Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 19 – FRIDAY 10th APRIL

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

15 minutes of Easter Goodness – Open The Book, children's work, birthdays and notices, including today's song, in preparation for Easter Sunday.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EWFckPr71oVMi4FyK3yZ7F4BtI3S1SYLuGD5zBAp7IbXqw?e=savbZa

SONG activity sheet attached.

Tomorrow's song has a chocolatey theme. Ummm!

EDUCATION UPDATE

The DfE Published the following this week:

“Primary school assessments - We will not publish any national, regional, local or constituency statistics for any primary school assessments for the 2019 to 2020 academic year.

This includes:

Early years foundation stage profile (Reception)

phonics check (Years 1 & 2)

Key Stage 1 (Year 2 SATS)

Multiplication tables check (Year 4)

key stage 2 (Year 6)”

As a staff team we will be working through the implications of this and will advise you in due course.

PHOTO CHALLENGE - See yesterday's update.

Stay well, stay safe. Paul